

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 11 December 2007 TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Committee I: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert J. Quigley, D.C. (Chairman), Robert Ricci

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D., Robert S. L. Kinder, M.D., Robert Whiteside

Excused: Larry Ross

Committee-II: Present: Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, PhD., Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. The Chairman noted the availability of conflict of interest forms for any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ricci.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **The Rhode Island Specialty Hospital, LLC** to establish a 40-bed Long Term Acute Care Hospital on the second floor of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island. Staff summarized the application and the Committee deliberations on this matter.

Joel Kanter, PhD, consultant for the Department of Health, presented his report “Certificate of Need Review Rhode Island Specialty Hospital, LLC”. According to the report, two reasonably specific bed-need methodologies generate a range of bed-need of 62 – 102 LTCH beds statewide. Staff noted that any hospital license issued to the applicant would be limited for the provision LTCH services and that this would be a condition of approval. To Committee’s concerns regarding the financial viability, Mr. Charest agreed to provide unaudited financial statements for Landmark.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of four in favor, none opposed, and one abstention (4-0-1) that application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Flynn, Quigley, Ricci. Those members abstaining were: Lapierre.

Staff noted that the next Health Services Council meeting is scheduled for 18 December 2007.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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